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THE FOUNDATION OF THE RELIGION OF ISLAM AND ITS PILLAR

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The Imam, the Mujaddid, Muḥammad ibn ‘Abd al-Wahhāb رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ said:

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ الْمُجَدِّدُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْوَهَّابِ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ:

The foundation of the Religion of Islam and its pillar consist of two things:

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The First:

الْأَوَّلُ:

- The command to worship Allāh Alone — He has no partner;
- Inciting to it;
- Loving for the sake of it;
- And declaring the one who leaves it a disbeliever.

- الْأَمْرُ بِعِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ؛
- وَالتَّحْرِيسُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ؛
- وَالْمَوَالَاةُ فِيهِ؛
- وَتَكْفِيرُ مَنْ تَرَكَهُ.

The Second:

الثَّانِي:

- The warning against *aş-Şirk*¹ in the worship of Allāh;
- Being strict in it;
- Having enmity for the sake of it;
- And declaring the one who commits it a disbeliever.

- الْإِنذَارُ عَنِ الشِّرْكِ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ؛
- وَالتَّغْلِيطُ فِي ذَلِكَ؛
- وَالْمُعَادَاةُ فِيهِ؛
- وَتَكْفِيرُ مَنْ فَعَلَهُ.

And the one who deviates in that is of several types:

وَالْمُخَالَفُ فِي ذَلِكَ أَنْوَاعٌ:

1. The most severely deviated amongst them, is the one who deviated in all of it.
2. And amongst them is he who worships Allāh Alone, but he does not disapprove of *aş-Şirk*.
3. And amongst them is he who commits *aş-Şirk*, but he does not disapprove of *at-Tawḥīd*².
4. And amongst them is he who disapproves of *aş-Şirk*, but he does not have enmity against its people³.
5. And amongst them is he who does have enmity against them, but he does not declare them disbelievers.
6. And amongst them is he who does not love *at-Tawḥīd*, but he does not hate it either.
7. And amongst them is he who disapproves of it⁴, but he does not

1. فَأَشَدُّهُمْ مُخَالَفَةً مَنْ خَالَفَ فِي الْجَمِيعِ.
2. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ عَبَدَ اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ وَلَمْ يُنْكِرِ الشِّرْكَ.
3. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَشْرَكَ وَلَمْ يُنْكِرِ التَّوْحِيدَ.
4. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَنْكَرَ الشِّرْكَ وَلَمْ يُعَادِ أَهْلَهُ.
5. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ عَادَاهُمْ وَلَمْ يُكْفِرْهُمْ.
6. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَمْ يُحِبِّ التَّوْحِيدَ وَلَمْ يُبْغِضْهُ.
7. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَنْكَرَهُ وَلَمْ يُعَادِ أَهْلَهُ.

¹ Ascribing a partner to Allāh ﷻ.

² Singling out Allāh ﷻ in worship and disbelieving in the worship of everything besides Him ﷻ.

³ Meaning: the people of *aş-Şirk*, i.e. the *muşrikūn* (idol worshippers).

⁴ Meaning: *at-Tawḥīd*.

have enmity against its people⁵.

8. And amongst them is he who does have enmity against them⁵, but he does not declare them disbelievers. 8. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ عَادَاهُمْ وَلَمْ يَكْفُرْهُمْ.
9. And amongst them is he who does declare them disbelievers and claims that it⁶ is a slander towards the pious. 9. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ كَفَرَهُمْ وَزَعَمَ أَنَّهُ مَسَبَّةٌ لِلصَّالِحِينَ.
10. And amongst them is he who does not hate *aş-Şirk* nor does he love it. 10. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَمْ يُبْغِضِ الشِّرْكَ وَلَمْ يُحِبَّهُ.
11. And amongst them is he who does not know *aş-Şirk* and does not disapprove of it. 11. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَمْ يَعْرِفِ الشِّرْكَ وَلَمْ يُنْكِرْهُ.
12. And amongst them is he — and this is the most dangerous type — who acts upon *at-Tawhīd*, but does not know its weight, so he does not hate those who leave it nor does he declare them disbelievers. 12. وَمِنْهُمْ — وَهُوَ أَشَدُّ الْأَنْوَاعِ خَطَرًا — مَنْ عَمِلَ بِالتَّوْحِيدِ وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْ قَدْرَهُ، فَلَمْ يُبْغِضِ مَنْ تَرَكَهُ، وَلَمْ يَكْفُرْهُمْ.
13. And amongst them is he who left *aş-Şirk*, hates it, and disapproves of it, but he does not know its weight, so he does not have enmity against its people nor does he declare them disbelievers. 13. وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ تَرَكَ الشِّرْكَ وَكَرِهَهُ وَأَنْكَرَهُ، وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْ قَدْرَهُ، فَلَمْ يُعَادِ أَهْلَهُ، وَلَمْ يَكْفُرْهُمْ.

And all of these have deviated from the Religion of Allāh that the Prophets came with.⁷

وَكُلُّ هَؤُلَاءِ قَدْ خَالَفُوا مَا جَاءَتْ بِهِ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ مِنْ دِينِ اللَّهِ.

⁵ Meaning: the people of *at-Tawhīd*, i.e. the Muslims.

⁶ Meaning: *at-Tawhīd*.

⁷ Al-'Imām 'Abd ar-Rahmān ibn Ḥasan Āl aş-Şayḫ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ (the grandson of al-'Imām Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Wahhāb رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ), after citing this treatise of his grandfather, said the following in *Ad-Durar as-Saniyyah*, whilst refuting one of the deviants in his time: "So, check within yourself, do you fall under these types? If so, then you have not become a Muslim yet, until Islam becomes established with you." (*Ad-Durar as-Saniyyah*, vol. 8, p. 265)